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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Thong H. Vu	Art Unit 2142

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7,10-15,18-31,34-42 and 45-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7,10-15,18-31,34-42 and 45-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

1. Claim 17,10-15,18-31,34-42,45-54 are pending. Claims 8,9,16,17,32,33,43,44 are canceled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 17,10-15,18-31,34-42,45-54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 17,10-15,18-31,34-42,45-54 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-59 of copending Application No. 10/062469. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

(‘369) 1. A method for communicating performance information, said method comprising:

collecting data from a plurality of probes, including at least one local probe and at least one remote probe; and reporting said data, at least in part.

2, reporting a first subset of said data that originates from said at least one local probe; reporting a second subset of said data that originates from said at least one remote probe; and employing a similar reporting format for said first subset and said second subset; whereby comparison of said first subset and said second subset is facilitated.

4, comparing said data with at least one threshold value derived from a service level agreement; reporting results of said comparing.

6, said error is a measured response time value greater than a corresponding threshold value.

15, reporting results of each script execution by said plurality of probes.

(‘329) 1. A method for probing services in a network environment, said method comprising:

providing a script;
providing a remote probe confirmed to measure a first set of performance data associated with a client device, wherein the performance data is data related to an interaction of the client device with a server device;
providing a local probe confirmed to measure a second set of performance data associated with a server application on the server device with which the client device interacts, wherein the second set of performance data is data related to an interaction of the server application with the client device;
measuring a client-server application's performance, with said local and remote probes, according to said script, to thereby generate the first set of performance data and the second set of performance data; and
collecting, in a database, the first and second sets of performance data produced by said measuring.

2, comparing at least one value, obtained by said measuring, with at least one threshold value.

4, utilizing said at least one threshold value derived from a service level agreement.

7, measuring response time for at least one request.

It is obvious to an ordinary skill in the art to substitute a first or first subset as a local performance data related to client device and second set or subset as remote performance data related to server device.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant would be prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application in the other copending application. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Thong Vu*, whose telephone number is (571)-272-3904. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Andrew Caldwell*, can be reached at (571) 272-3868. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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